

County Council Meeting
October 16, 2012

Present: Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Charlie Waninger, Jack Kroeger, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Wetherill, Auditor Lynam

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by President Bill Spaetti.
The 2013 Budget was discussed and adopted in the following amounts:

County General

Judges' Office (Clerk of Circuit Court)	\$ 472,417.	
Auditor	187,975.	
Treasurer	112,225.	
Recorder	61,640.	
Sheriff	1,037,420.	
Surveyor	66,918.	
Coroner	47,218.	
Assessor	66,890.	
Prosecuting Attorney	77,625.	
Extension Office	124,825.	
Veterans Service Office	29,855.	
Clerk	162,710.	
County Council	135,075.	
Drainage Board	5,430.	
County Commissioners	2,790,564.	
Plan Commission	43,540.	
Courthouse	217,885.	
EMA	82,330.	
Engineer	61,875.	
Building Inspector	31,175.	
Jail	1,070,763.	
Animal Control	38,400.	
Child Support	165,239.	
Soil & Water	66,813.	
Weed Control	2,000.	
Parks & Recreation	35,820.	
Election Board	25,680.	
County General Total		7,220,307.

Other		
2006 Reassessment	110,321.	
Highway	1,863,466.	
Local Roads & Streets	200,000.	
Cum Bridge	882,062.	
Health	245,012.	
Cum Cap	255,757.	
Plat Book Update	4,550.	
Probation User Fees	51,578.	
E911	219,261.	
Local Health	32,672.	
Pre-Trial	58,174.	
Cornerstone Perp	5,250.	
Law Enforcement Fund	4,000.	
Reassessment	3,650.	
Other Total		3,935,753.

Grand Total \$ 11,156,060.

President

Attest:

Auditor

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The meeting was called to order by the President Bill Spaetti at 5:30 P.M. First order of business was the Binding Reviews. This was the second reading, and there was a typo on the Councils' budget, it should have read \$135,075. Spaetti ask if everyone was happy with what they did. Bunner stated that he was glad they could give raises this year because there were a lot of entities that weren't able to do that. The County Council and the Commissioners both declined raises for this year. After much discussion Kress made a motion to approve the binding reviews. Bunner seconded the motion, motion passed.

Adopted Budget for 2013

General	\$7,220,307	
2006 Reassessment	\$ 119,150	
Highway	\$1,863,466	
Local Road & Street	\$ 200,000	
Cumulative Bridge	\$ 882,062	
Health	\$ 245,012	
Cumulative Capital Development	\$ 255,757	
Plat Book Update	\$ 4,550	
Probation User Fee	\$ 51,578	
E911	\$ 219,261	
Local Health Maintenance	\$ 32,672	
Pre-Trial Diversion	\$ 58,174	
Cornerstone Perp	\$ 5,250	
Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 4,000	
Reassessment 0124	\$ 3.650	
Total Adopted Budget for 2013		\$11,156,060.00

Minutes

Minutes from the September 18th meeting were read. A motion was made by Winsett to approve as written. Waninger seconded the motion, motion passed.

Additional

County General

Jail/Medical, Hospital & Dental \$25,000.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$25,000, Waninger seconded the motion, motion passed.

Jail/Overtime \$8,000.

Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$8,000, Kress seconded the motion, motion passed.

Commissioners/Insurance \$200,000.

Knepper made a motion to approve the \$200,000, Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

COIT

Radio Tower Expenses \$6,600.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$6,600, Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

Statewide 911 Fund \$29,963.

Knepper made a motion to approve the \$29,963, Bunner seconded the motion, motion passed.

Transfers

Soil and Water

Decrease Rent and increase Office Supplies \$1,000.

Kress made a motion to approve the transfer of the \$1,000, Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed with Winsett abstaining.

Auditor

Decrease Office Supply and increase Furniture & Fixtures \$600.

Waninger made a motion to approve the transfer of the \$600, Kroeger seconded the motion, motion approved.

Plat Book Update

Decrease Part Time Help and Increase Supplies \$474.06

Bunner made a motion to approve the transfer of \$474.06, Winsett seconded the motion, motion passed.

Legal Report

Wetherill reported on a matter that David Gogel had spoken to him about concerning amending the 2012 Salary Ordinance. Gogel explained that we had 2 part time employees for Animal Control that had never been added to the Salary Ordinance. Wetherill said that the two positions had just been created so they added 2 new line items for them; they would be compensated at \$9.40 an hour. This would in no way affect any other part of the Salary Ordinance. Kroeger made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amendment, Waninger seconded the motion, motion passed.

Wetherill also had a Resolution that mirrored what the Commissioners had done in September concerning the Ice Miller and Jeff Lindsey legal fees being paid from AK Steel Settlement Funds.

Kress made a motion to approve the Resolution 2012-11, Kroeger seconded the motion, motion passed.

Spaetti wanted to offer condolences to Ed Ingram from everyone on the Council on the passing of his wife and also to the family of Marge Bantle who served on the Council in previous years.

Tom Utter addressed the Council and thanked them for the swift response they took concerning the fertilizer plant. They are now working on the economic models thanks to Spencer County Government. The State would not commit until they knew what the local government offered.

Spaetti asked if Utter felt they would announce where the plant would be located by the end of the year. Utter said he felt they would because they are on the fast track now.

Kroeger asked if there had been any press releases concerning this project to let the public know what was going on. Utter responded that there were national releases and the local papers should have them now also.

Kroeger spoke on the fact that the legislators were flirting with, listening to, studying doing away with personal property tax on businesses. This is worth millions of dollars to Spencer County. So this whole business of us spending legal fees to insure us that we will be getting property taxes from AK Steel may be a mute point if the legislature does what this study committee is talking about. It is being backed by the Business Community, State Chamber of Commerce, Manufacturing Association, but for local government it is a killer. Hopefully they will look down line by line and see what some of these things do if they consider doing away with personal property taxes. They are actually looking at two proposals, one would eliminate personal property assessment on business property all together; the other way would reduce the personal property tax percentage down to 30% of the original cost, right now it is 40%. The issue we have with AK Steel is 10%, and that is worth millions of dollars to us. We are trying, through the AIC to stifle this.

If you take away that assessed value it doesn't cost us any money in the county funds because what the reduction in the assessed value does is increases the tax rate and everyone else in the county pays more because they have to make up the difference for what the business aren't paying. The liability for business services for the county will shift from the business to the farmers and individuals, their tax rates will go up. When you increase the tax rate as a result of lowering the assessed value, you make almost everyone in the county reach the tax caps. Bunner said then you have to come up with an alternate source to collect tax.

Kroeger responded exactly, the loss of revenue on this one project showed a 1.5 million dollar reduction in our income based on current numbers for Spencer County due to the property tax caps. Where are we going to get 1.5 million dollars? We aren't against business; we are for business paying their fair share. Everyone needs to let their local legislators know how we feel about this.

Tim Lloyd spoke to the Council and let them know that they are continuing with their fund raising. He asked if the Council could go ahead and approve the \$120,000 from the AK Steel Settlement Fund that the Redevelopment Commission and the Commissioners had already approved. With this commitment we could possibly go to our lender and work something out. We aren't sure if that will be enough and we are still brainstorming to come up with some more ideas to raise money.

Spaetti told Lloyd to get everything together on that end and come back to the December meeting.

Kroeger asked about the EMA building status. Gogel said the Commissioners had de-obligated that money so that it is no longer involved. Lloyd said he wanted to remind the county that the Rebel property is still an option for them.

Kress made a motion to adjourn, Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

President
Attest:

Auditor